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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the Final Office Action, dated February 22, 2010, and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.